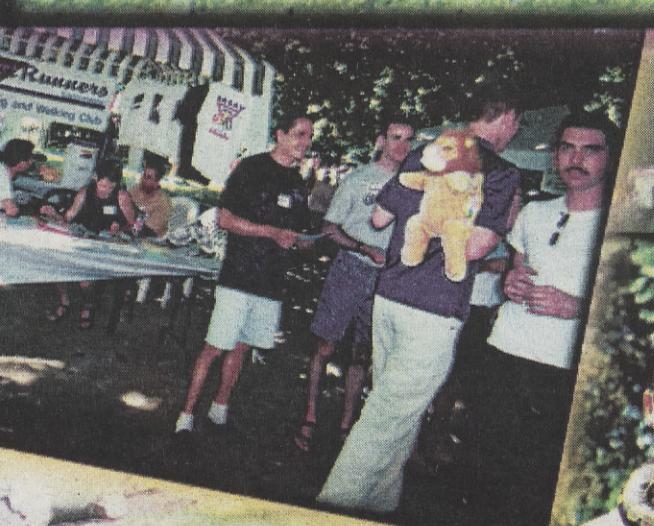
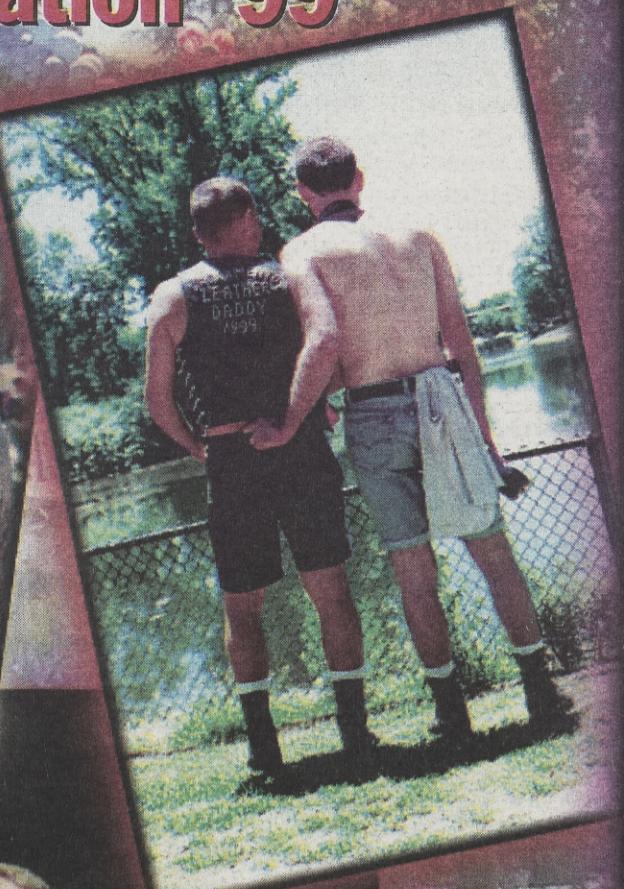
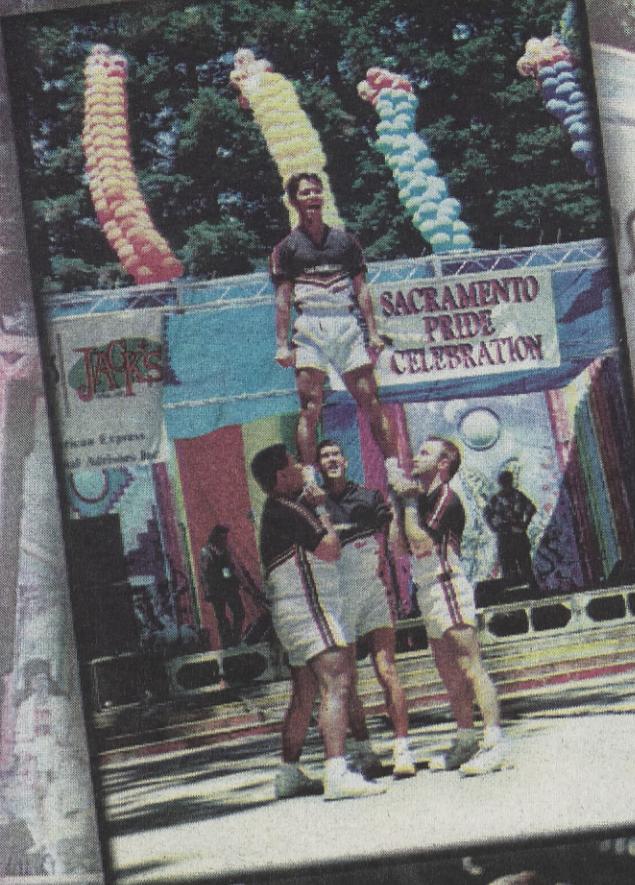


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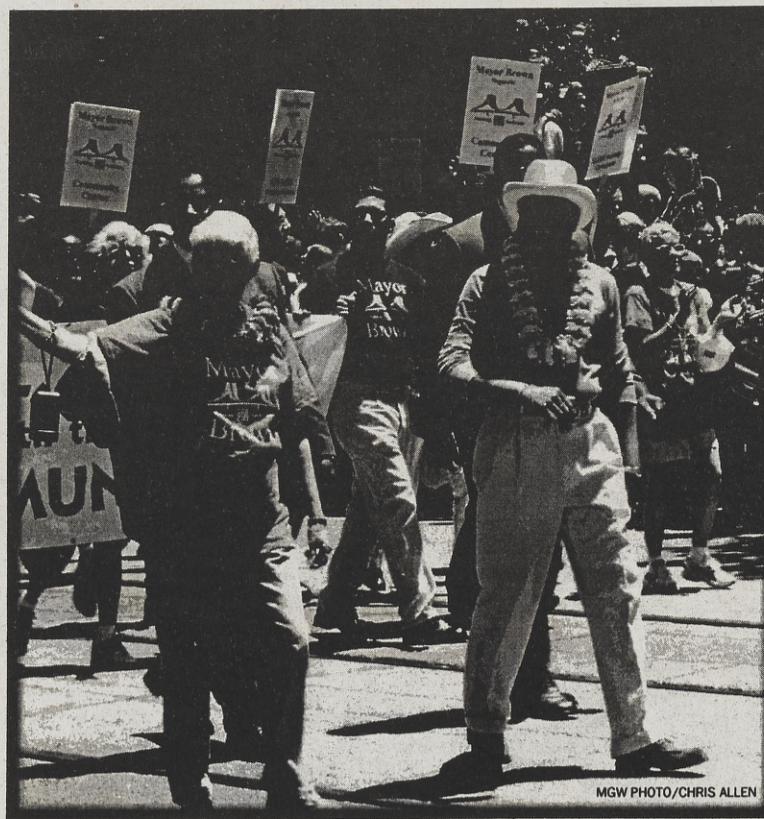


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Willie Gets Footloose and Fancy Free!

San Francisco Mayor Willie Brown, shown here with Ellen's mother, Betty DeGeneres, takes a leisurely stroll in the Castro District's annual Gay Pride Parade.



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Cowboy Willing to Help with the Sierra Stampede

Dear Editor,

I am a member of BAC-GSGRA and I would like to offer my volunteer services for the Sacramento Rodeo (I am an experienced chute worker). Money is tight for me and I would love to know if I could exchange my volunteer services for hotel accommodations? Please let me know.

Thanks,
Jeff Waugh

jeffrey_a_waugh@hotmail.com

Special Thank You for the Pride Festival Volunteers

Dear Editor,

Sacramento's Pride Celebration on June 12 was a phenomenal success. Though an article in the Sacramento Bee claimed the number of attendees to be in the hundreds, actual numbers were in the thousands. This letter is for those who know those numbers best of all: the volunteers. This year's event would have been impossible without your outstanding efforts. We left the event with an immense sense of joy and yes — "pride" — in a job well done. The efforts of each volunteer were above and beyond the call of duty. Their individual gifts of patience and support to our community will not be forgotten.

We look forward to seeing you all at Sacramento Pride 2000.

Our Sincerest Thanks,
Clinton Vigen
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Volunteer Coordinators

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Garden Tour Praised

Dear Editor,

Thank you so much for the support of the Garden and Yard Tour. This year's event has earned nothing but praise!

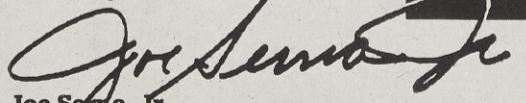
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Eric Geiger, Phil Klamm, Jayne Moore, Sacramento

Mayor Shares with Community

Dear Editor,

Cancer. It's a dreaded word. Nine years ago, I beat it. I had one of my kidneys removed. But the disease has returned. While my doctors advise me that I can complete my current term as Mayor, I cannot seek reelection in 2000. My next campaign is a personal one. My opponent is cancer. Thank you for the honor of serving as a Commissioner, Councilmember and Mayor for the last 25 years. When I am well, I hope to contribute in other ways to our civic life.

Sincerely,



Joe Serna, Jr.
Mayor of Sacramento



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LOCAL NEWS

Concord's KPIX-Channel 5 Anchor Hank Plante To Meet With Gay Community

The Changing Nature of Media in America to Be Discussed

KPIX Television's Channel 5 Eyewitness News at 6:30 pm Anchor, Hank Plante, will be at a public reception hosted by the Rainbow Governmental Concern Committee on Saturday, August 21, 12:30-2:00 pm at La Fogata Sports Grill; 2301 Willow Pass Road @ Colfax in Concord. Fresh Mexican hors d'oeuvres will be provided; no host bar \$7.50 for prepaid guests, \$10 at the door.

Mr. Plante will discuss problems associated with developing balanced and insightful media coverage as regards 'sensitive' political and social issues and issues associated with being a public 'news' personality. A question and answer session will follow.

The Rainbow Governmental Concerns Committee was created as a committee of the Rainbow Community Center of Contra Costa County to provide pertinent education and information regarding governmental issues of general and specific concern to the extended gay/lesbian community as well as to all residents of Contra Costa County.

This is the fourth in a series of public events designed to challenge, entertain, and inform, by introducing divergent personalities with varied backgrounds, careers and opinions. Previous guests were Contra Costa County District Attorney Gary Yancey, lesbian activists and authors Phyllis Lyon, Ph.D. and Del Martin, Ph.D., and Contra Costa County Clerk/Recorder-Elections Officer Steve Weir. The next scheduled guest shall be United States District Judge Vaughn Walker, November 16.

Info: 925-210-0563, RainbowGov@aol.com, <http://www.members.aol.com/rainbowgov/club/index.htm>

The Green Party Speaks Out on the Knight Initiative

The Sacramento County Green Party opposes the Knight Initiative, which bans recognition of marriages between people of the same sex. They believe it is a mean-spirited measure and erodes the social fabric of our diverse community. They are urging all Green to vote and work against this measure. Info: 484-5888.

Men's Bereavement Group Forming and Changes with the Women Group



In response to the announcement regarding the formation of a Lesbian Bereavement Group, we have received the requests to do the same for men. So, if you are a gay man who has suffered the loss of a loved one recently or not so recently, call. If you are a therapist and are interested in facilitating, let us know. If you have a facility to offer for the meetings, call Steve at 456-8239. Also, Katherine Davis is no longer spearheading the Lesbian Bereavement Group. So, if you'd like to take the ball and run it call Linda Birner at MGW, 441-6397.

Lesbians Take Over Conservative Monterey, California

Mariah Hanson Presents, San Francisco based leading lesbian event company, announces the 4th Annual Club Skits Women's Weekend in Monterey, September 3-5 at the Hyatt Regency. The event attracts lesbians from all over the country for three days of dance parties featuring go go dancers, national recording artist Abigail, Jill Sobule, Dulce Mamba, The Preteens, See Jane Run, The Jones, a fun golf tournament to benefit The San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Community Center.

The weekend kicks off with a comedy show featuring Susie

Berger, Canadian super comedienne, Elvira Kurt, and Texas riot, Vicki Shaw. Saturday, there will be a women golf tournament on the Blackhorse Golf Course. In addition, this year the event planners are introducing a 2 on 2 grass volleyball tournament. They also recommend using this day to explore the Monterey Bay area.

Saturday Night hosts Cruise!, featuring women DJ's, state of the art light and sound and a special live performance by national Recording artist, Abigail, singing her top ten hits. Sunday at the private Mark Thomas pool area will feature

Los Angeles and San Francisco bands performing live at the pool. The weekend winds down with the last mega-dance party, The Rescue Party!

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LOCAL NEWS

Women's Performance Project Presents DykeDrama Festival



Luna Sea presents the first-ever DykeDrama Festival featuring 12 short plays by lesbian playwrights. This all-lesbian production will be the first festival of short plays by and about lesbians to be produced in the USA.

July 30-31 & August 13-14 - DykeDrama II will feature: Month of Julio by Diana Malvaez, Dreaming of You by Tatiana de la tierra, no humans involved by Trish Cole, A Rustle of Wings by Linda Eisenstein, Winning? by Michele Forsten, How To Fix Your Ford by Valeria Weber. Actresses include: Tina D'Elia, Debra Wright, Kasi Jammeh, Beth Riker, Yolanda Vierra Allen, Jan Marks, Ronni Hayon, Consuelo Ramirez and Ardy (Ardyke) Tibby. Tickets: 415-863-2989, after 6:30 pm.

The Mercantile's Annual "Bus to Hell"

The Mercantile Saloon is sponsoring their annual ride to Reno Saturday, August 14-15, departing from the "Mercantile Saloon" at 6pm, checking into the "Sundowner" Casino Hotel. And then go to the 1099 for a complementary BBQ and show. Sunday morning they will leave the Sundowner at 11am for "Boomtown". Complimentary brunch and then leave 3:30 pm and arrive back in Sacramento at 6pm. Cost: \$26, includes \$10 back at the Sundowner, BBQ, show, \$5 back at "Boomtown" with brunch. Rooms at the Sundowner are \$50 per room for two people. Payment in full due by August 1, because of hotel scheduling, no refunds. Call Skip at 743-9544, Ernie Brown at The Mercantile, Jim Munro at Faces.

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Artist Jessica Rodriguez's Home Destroyed

Jessica Rodriguez, recently featured in MGW, is a single mother with two twin daughters. Her home caught fire in the afternoon on Wednesday, June 30. The home located at 1450 Oak Nod Way was entirely destroyed. Support is needed to help the family. Your tax-deductible donations may be sent to: "The Rodriguez Family Fire Fund", Washington Mutual Bank, 930 K St., Sacramento, 95814.

Concerns or donations may be forwarded to: 1500 West El Camino #331, Sacramento, 95833; 206-4288, 731-2760.



Chico Freedom Fest Set for August 29

The date for the 1999 Freedom Fest celebration will be on Sunday, August 29, at the Chico Area Recreation District (CARD) Center, 545 Vallombrosa Avenue, 90 minutes north of Sacramento on Highway 99. The setting is outside on the rolling lawn under towering oak trees adjacent to the creek and Bidwell Park's beautiful One Mile swimming pool. Booths will offer crafts, jewelry, books, clothing and representatives of local community organizations, culinary delights, desserts, soft drinks and a beer garden.

This year's theme, "Prideful Past, Powerful Future" exemplifies the contributions GLBT people have made to society. The Freedom Fest is a family event, open to parents, kids and people of all ages. Since 1990, Chico Freedom Fest has increased attendance every year. Last year's Pride event drew nearly 2,000 celebrants from all over northern California. Info: 530-893-3336.



Bridge Tournament to Be Held in Palm Springs

The International Association of Gay and Lesbian Bridge Clubs announces its first annual Fall Bridge Tournament on October 20-24 in Palm Springs at the Ramada Palm Springs Hotel. The tournament is a continuation of the international interest in Bridge that

was seen at the Gay Games V in Amsterdam in August 1998.

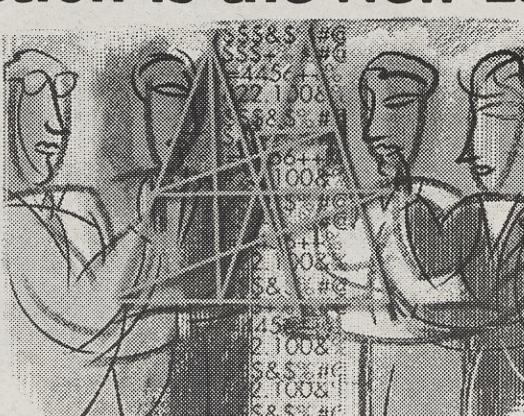
The American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) has sanctioned this tournament. Master points will be awarded. Membership in ACBL is not required for. The tournament is open to all Bridge players, and all levels of play are

invited. Paired and single players are welcome, and a partners' desk will be available to assist in establishing pairs. All registered participants will be guaranteed to play. Pre-registration is required. Info: 1-877-429-6368, www.communityvisions.org/IAGLBC.

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August Is Filled With Activities In Capital City

The first ever GLTB rodeo is being held here in Sacramento, Capital Crossroads Sierra Stampede on August 20 to 22nd at the Rolinda Central Horseman's Arena 1400 Elkhorn Blvd., near Highway 99.

The Capital Crossroads organization, formed in May 1996, has grown quickly. Members compete throughout the United States and Canada, as well as serving on the board of the parent organization, the Golden State Gay Rodeo Association (GSGRA).

The rodeo, in addition to providing a social avenue for contestants and spectators alike, is also the means by which Capital Crossroads and GSGRA raise moneys for various charities. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation has been named as the beneficiary of Capital Crossroads Sierra Stampede.

The Sierra Stampede is organized and presented by a dedicated group of community and nationwide volunteers who donate their time, so that monies raised from the rodeo and entertainment events can go directly to the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. This first of what will be an annual event in Sacramento, project of the Capital Crossroads GSGRA. The Crossroads incorporated of California as the Capital Crossroads Rodeo Association (CCRA), a 501 © (3) non-profit, charitable organization. The organization's governing board is comprised of:

Chairperson: Mark L. Marshall, A Vice-President and Senior Portfolio Manager with Wells Fargo Private Client Services, has an extensive history with IGRA GSGRA, and CCRA. He has served on the executive board of IGRA as Public Relations Chair, as a certified judge for five years, has held several offices at GSGRA and was the Rodeo Director (Event Chair) for the 1991 Greater Los Angeles Gay



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NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT...

Family Policy Program Launched to Coordinate GLBT Research

The NGLTF announced creation of a Family Police Program to secure inclusive definitions of family in national, state and local contexts. The Family Policy Program will engage in research, policy analysis, coalition building, strategy development and collaborative work with a wide range of family-focused organizations to ensure that the needs of GLBT families are considered and protected.

The program is funded by major gifts from several parents, including Seattle City Councilwoman and philanthropist Tina Podlodowski, and California-based donors Jennifer and Kathy Levinson through a gift from the Lesbian Equity Foundation of Silicon Valley.

Senate Makes Historic Vote on Hate Crimes

MGW Staff

For the first time ever, the U.S. Senate has approved the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, which would expand the existing hate crimes statute to cover disability status, gender, sexual orientation and would make it easier for federal authorities to prosecute crimes of violence. Without discussion or debate, Senators approved the measure as an amendment to S. 1217, the Commerce, Justice, State appropriations bill. Because the House version of the budget bill does not include the Hate Crimes Prevention Act, the ultimate fate of this measure in this Congress rests on the conference committee action between the House and the Senate.

"This is the first concrete action taken by either chamber since America buried Matthew Shepard, James Byrd Jr., Billy Jack Gaither, and many transgendered people whose names and faces do not make the newspapers," said Kerry

Lobel, NGLTF. "It is a good first step. But we have a long way to go and we must run to the House and tell our representatives how critically important this legislation is. In short, we must keep up the heat."

The amendment will expand federal authority to prosecute hate crimes. Currently, federal officials can only intervene if a victim is engaged in a federally protected act such as attempting to vote, go to school or serve on a jury. Federal officials cannot intervene at all in hate crimes based on disabilities, sexual orientation or gender.

The Senate also passed a watered-down amendment by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, that does not cover sexual orientation, disability and gender and would only expand federal jurisdiction to hate crimes committed after the crossing of state lines. "The Hatch amendment fails to recognize that no one should be a target for bias-motivated violence," Lobel said, "legislation that doesn't cover sexual orientation, disability and gender is a farce."

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NGLTF Calls for Investigation into Brutal Death of Army PFC

Kerry Lobel, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, issued the following statement in response to the brutal beating death of PFC Barry Winchell, a 21-year-old Private First Class at Fort Campbell. He died earlier this month in a hospital in nearby Nashville, Tennessee after allegedly being assaulted with a baseball bat. "We call on the military authorities to fully investigate and disclose the nature of this terrible tragedy. Winchell pledged to protect and defend his country. Who was defending and protecting Winchell? Although not all of the facts surrounding this death are known, it is important to point out that it occurred in a climate of hostility towards gays and lesbians - a climate fostered by the military's own policies. 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell' doesn't work - in fact, it has made things worse."

"Winchell's death also occurred during an epidemic of violence against GLBT people. Last year, at least 33 lives were lost as a result of anti-GLBT violence. We also call on the branches of the military to take immediate steps to ensure the safety and well-being of all the men and women serving our country. The fear of discrimination, harassment, intimidation and even violence is all too real for many military personnel - whether they are GLBT or whether they are perceived as such."

The Servicemembers Legal Defense Network has dispatched staff members to the Fort Campbell area to investigate the circumstances of the incident. Anyone with relevant information should call 202-669-6279, 202-328-3244.

Soho Bomb Victim Denied Compensation For Dead Partner

Gary Partridge, 34, a gay man whose partner, John Light, 35, was killed in April's nail bomb attack on a pub in Soho will not receive any compensation for his loss because his dead partner was a man. The rules of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board, responsible for settling such claims for compensation, do not recognize same-sex relationships no matter how long a relationship has lasted. Compensation can only be paid to married couples and unmarried men and women in heterosexual relationships. The scheme, that is currently under review, could be changed by a simple resolution of the House of Parliament.

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SPORTS / FITNESS

Monarchs Makeover Magic

By Pat Sojourner
MGW Staff

As this year's WNBA season progressed, the Monarchs often looked as surprised as their fans at the team's level of play. After two years of relative anonymity, repeated coaching changes, and an unhealthy reliance on the talents of Ruthie Bolton-Holifield – on the shelf last year with a knee injury – the Monarchs are now zeroed in on (gasp!), a play-off berth. Yes, really. Temporarily bumped from their #2 spot in the Western Division by a surprising Los Angeles Sparks win over New York, the Monarchs remain uneven performers. Like in the children's rhyme, when they're good, they're very good, and when they're bad, they're... well, you know.

On their good nights, they've beaten the division champs, the Houston Comets, as well as the West's number 2 team, the LA Sparks. Then came a grueling 5-game road tour that

resulted in a respectable 3-2 record. But on the heels of those performances came an unnecessary loss to Orlando at home July 24th, in which the home-town girls came out cold and remained that way, losing 54-73 to an energized Miracle team, leaving the cheering fans

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Saturday, August 14th – Utah
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Credit for the turnaround in the fortunes of the Monarchs deserves to be spread around. General Manager Jerry Reynolds for the hiring of Head Coach Sonny Allen and Assistant Maura

McHugh, a former head coach with the now-defunct American Basketball League, a runner-up to Allen for the Monarch's top spot. While Allen was known for his development of the fast break, run and gun teams,

puzzled. Which Monarch's team would they see on any given game night? Monarchs are cookin', they are sight to behold. No-look passes and spins from Penicheiro, amazing under-net magic by Griffith, record stealth by the team stealth, Kedra Holland-Corn, and the mighty Ruthie's well-known 3-pointers. And a growing fan base now packs the lower tiers and spills into the upper levels, no longer draped to hide their previous emptiness. And it is doubtful that there are more enthusiastic fans anywhere in the WNBA.

McHugh was recognized for her defensive strategies, thrown into that happy mix where Reynolds's 1st and 2nd round draft picks of ABL runner-up MVP center Yolanda Griffith, without question one of, if not the best, all-round players in the league, and the quick, intense Holland-Corn, a former ABL guard with energy to burn. And the team suddenly has a new, high-powered engine. And you bring



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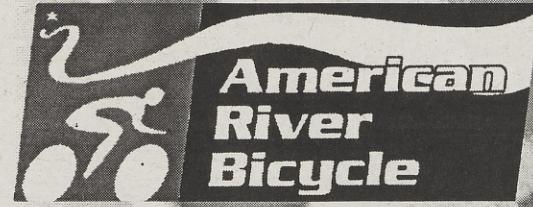
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FOOD & WINE

Foods of the Gold Rush

By Randy Hartley
MGW/Staff

With about twenty clipper ships a week arriving in San Francisco between 1848 and 1855 carrying immigrants from all over the world to find their fortune during the gold rush, food became scarce and expensive.

The only established farms in California at the time were part of the Franciscan missions and the Russian colony at Bodega Bay. The seemingly overnight population explosion caused a shortage of food and other goods and drove prices high, particularly at the gold mines.

Those who entered the business of supplying food and supplies to the California gold mines, whether inside or outside the state, did not do so out of humanitarian motives but because it was quickly apparent that there were great profits to be made in this field, since the miners needed many things and were able to pay well for them.

In response to the demand, shipments came pouring into San Francisco. Merchants gathered there and in the new towns of the interior, including Sacramento and Stockton, and at the mines.

One of the first meats to arrive at the mines was jerked beef because it was durable and the least spoilable. The Jerky was made of the flesh of the bullock cut into strings and hung up in the sun to dry. Cattle brought directly to the mines sold from \$50 each in the spring and \$150 in the summer. A chicken sold for \$75 each. Wild game was hunted in the Sierra

when the miners had time to hunt. A typical meal consisted of stewed jerk, coffee and heavy bread made with flour and water and baked in the embers of the fire.

Between 1848-1849 potatoes were in such demand by scurvy sufferers that they were bringing \$1 a piece, a price which placed them entirely out of reach for most.

Beans imported from Chile and salt pork from the Atlantic and Mississippi states were other staples for the miners. Ignorance of many mining camp cooks about how the lowly bean should be prepared was evident when they tried to cook the raw beans with the salt pork for a few hours and the beans remained hard. One cook discovered that cooking the beans slowly during the night produced a soft bean. Thus the practice of over-night soaking began.

Frozen oysters from San Francisco made it to the mining camps and the famous Hang Town Fry came about. Eggs

from San Francisco cost about \$1 each. In Sacramento and Stockton the price rose to \$3. When the egg arrived at the mines the price was \$10.

A woman in Nevada City

Health problems came about as result of the limited diet and scarce food. By the fall of 1849 communications had improved, shipments had increased, and items such as rice, dried apples and sugar were beginning to

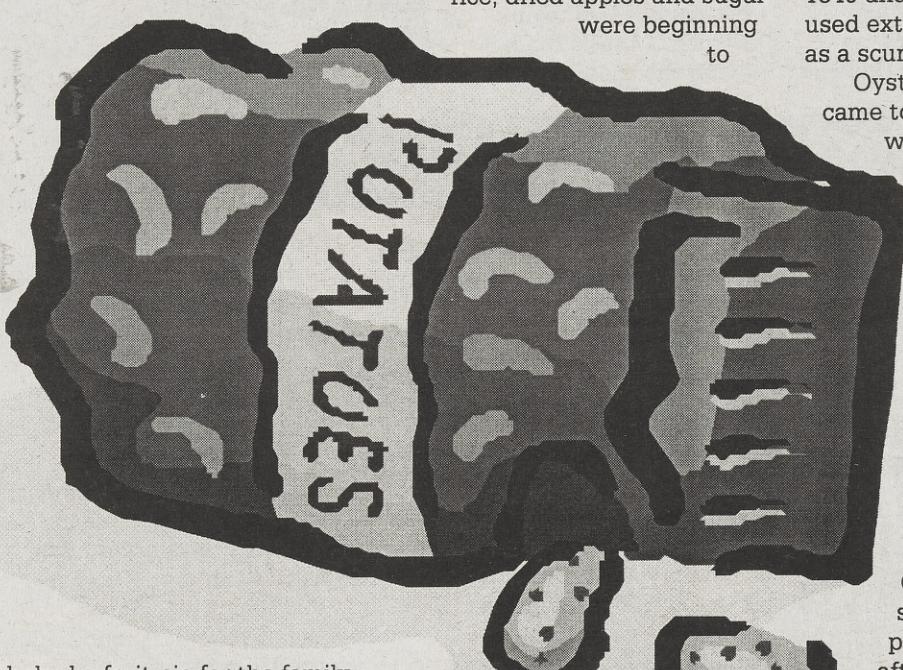
penetrated any further than Sacramento or Stockton in the first few years of the gold rush. William Downie, however, had lime juice for sale in his store at Bullard's Bar of the Yuba River in 1849 and claimed lime juice was used extensively by the miners as a scurvy antidote.

Oysters and champagne came to be the symbols of wealth and when a miner had made a really big strike or when an unusually fancy celebration was desired, it was customary to celebrate with an oyster and champagne supper.

Luxuries included sought after items such as whisky at \$16 a bottle, lemons, sugar and ginger cake. Canned oysters and sardines were high priced but obtainable after the first year or so.

Hard liquors, wines and brandies were in great demand. France increased considerably the quantity of wines and brandies that it sent to California. Ice was shipped from the Atlantic and Alaska. In Sacramento ice was either from the Sierra or imported.

Eventually, the merchants were able to rely not only on imported food but also could depend on home production. Thus it was that in solving the food supply problem of the gold mines in the years between 1848 and 1855, California laid the foundation for her future agricultural and commercial greatness.



baked a fruit pie for the family dessert. When a miner offered her \$10 for the pie, the woman replied, "The pie is for my family's supper". The miner offered her \$20 and she not only sold the pie to him but also started her own lucrative business in baking fruit pies for \$10 each. She also made small dried fruit turnovers and sold them for \$1 each.

Flour for the pies rose from \$8 a barrel in the first half of 1848 to \$50 in San Francisco in October 1848, to \$85 per barrel at Sutter's Fort and \$100 per barrel at the mines. Flour was also used to prepare flapjacks, biscuits or hardtack and the heavy bread.

attain the status of staples also. Fresh fruit and vegetables especially green vegetables, milk, butter and eggs were still practically unobtainable in the mines until 1851-1852 and even then they were still luxuries.

Between 1848-1849 potatoes were in such demand by scurvy sufferers that they were bringing \$1 a piece, a price which placed them entirely out of reach for most. Fresh vegetables, greens and fruit such as oranges rarely seem to have

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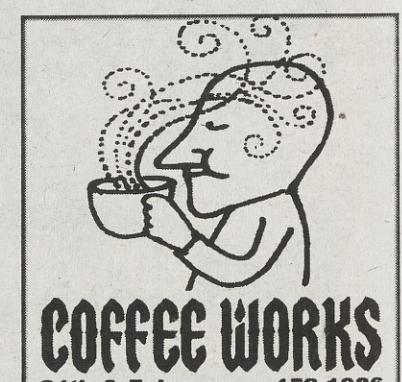
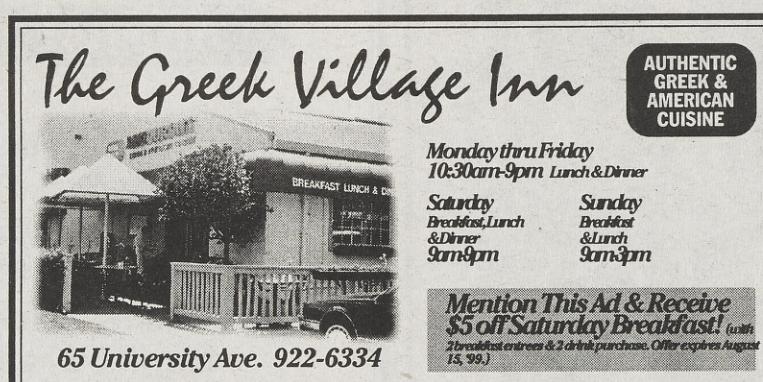


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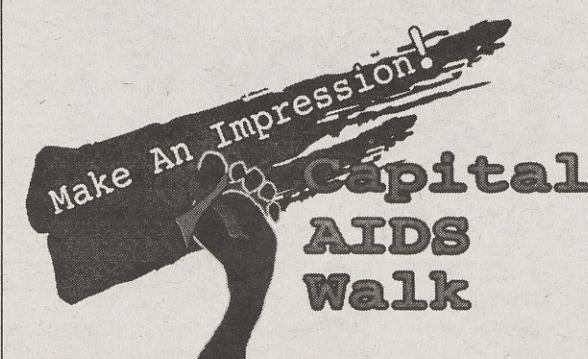
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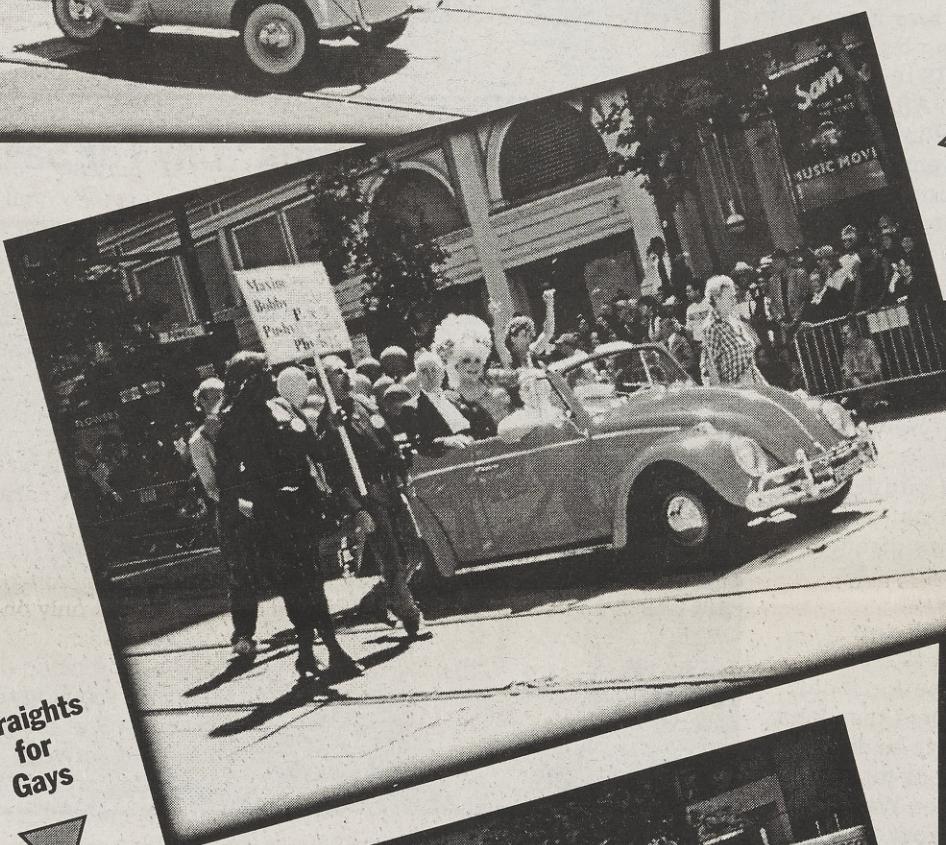
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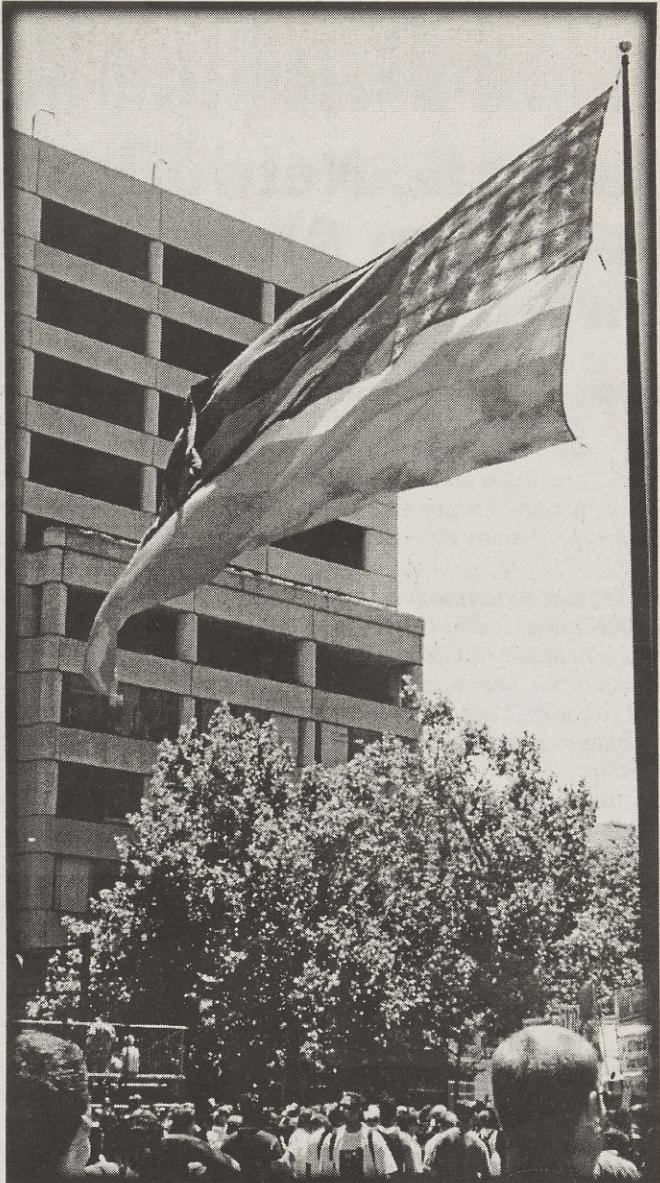


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Gaylactic Network Spectrum Announces Award Finalists

The Gaylactic Network, science fiction fandom's premiere organization GLTB people, has announced the finalists for the 1999 Gaylactic Network Spectrum Awards. The awards are juried and were created to honor works in science fiction, fantasy and horror that deal positively with gay characters, themes and issues.

Regular awards will be presented in two categories for works originally released in 1998: Best Novel and Best Other Work. A special People's Choice Award will be given to the single work receiving the most nominations. Finally to honor works released prior to the creation of the award, a special Hall of Fame Award will be given to a work released prior to 1998.

The finalists are:

Best Novel

Accidental Creatures, by Anne Harris
Dark Water's Embrace, by Stephen Leigh
Halfway Human, by Carol Ives Gilman
Maximum Light, by Nancy Kress
The Painter Knight, by Fiona Patton

Best Other Work

Bending the Landscape: Science Fiction, edited by Nichola Griffith and Stephen Pagel
Gods and Monsters, Lions Gate Entertainment
Things Invisible to See, edited by Lawrence Schimel

Hall of Fame

China Mountain Zhang, by Maureen McHugh
The Drag Queen of Elfland, by Lawrence Schimel
Secret Matter, by Toby Johnson
Shadow Man, by Melissa Scott
Uranian Worlds, by Lyn Paleo and Eric Garber

The 1999 Gaylactic Network Spectrum Award will be presented at Gaylaxicon 1999 in Washington, DC in October, 1999. Gaylaxicon is a science fiction convention sponsored by the Gaylactic Network that focuses on science fiction, fantasy and horror of particular interest to the gay community. This year's convention will be the Network's tenth.

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Emmy Award Winner John Scagliotti Named to MMOW Team

Emmy Award winning producer John Scagliotti has been named Director of Video Productions for the Millennium March on Washington for Equality, the 4th national march for gay civil rights slated for April 30, 2000.

Scagliotti was executive producer of the documentary film "Before Stonewall," which received two Emmy Awards following its national broadcast on PBS in 1986. His latest film, "After Stonewall: From The Riots To The Millennium," premiered on national television on June 23, 1999 and chronicled the struggles of the GLBT justice movement over the past three decades.

Scagliotti is also the creator of "In The Life," a television series focusing on gay and lesbian news and which continues to air bimonthly on 120 public television stations. As news and public affairs director for WBCN in Boston, he received the Major Armstrong Award and journalism awards from United Press International.

"We are honored that John Scagliotti will serve as director of video productions for the upcoming March on Washington," said Ginny Froat, associate producer of the March. "John is the foremost chronicler of events and history in the GLBT community and we are pleased that he will oversee video production for the 4th national GLBT March on Washington." Info: 818/891-1748.

Mark Twain's "Educated Frog" To Complete in Sacramento

Lucas Foss' short folk-opera, "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County", will be presented by Small-time Productions in four performances at the Geary Theater in August.

Small-time Productions is a newly formed amateur opera company engaging local singers and musicians to present Foss' humorous work. Performances will include a dramatic presentation of the Twain tale on which the opera is based, as well as selected Gold Rush-era numbers. Under the direction of Ivan Sandoval and Marta Belen, the talented cast will create a delightful entertainment for music-lovers of all ages. Will Daniel Webster, the jumping champion, save the day? Come and enjoy this sesquicentennial-friendly event and find out!

Performances August 20, 21, 27, 28 at 8pm at the Geary Theater, 2130 L Street. Info: 448-9019.

SF Mime Troupe Performs "City For Sale"



San Francisco (25 June 1999) - Tony Award-winning San Francisco Mime Troupe continues its tradition of tackling history as it happens with a sharp new musical about urban gentrification: CITY FOR SALE. Inspired by the real-life battle over "live/work lofts" in San Francisco, CITY FOR SALE takes an underdog's view of development, its economic bias, and its often destructive impact on communities. This colorful, shoot-from-the-hip show, written by Joan Holden and Kate Chumley and directed by Keiko Shimosato, performs August 6 and 7 at the Northern California Center for the Arts in Grass Valley, including two workshops for teens (call 530/274-8384 for tickets and information) and August 8 at the Sierra II Theater in Sacramento (call 916/452-3005 for tickets and information). For info on the Troupe's summer schedule, call 415/285-1717 or visit www.sfmt.org.

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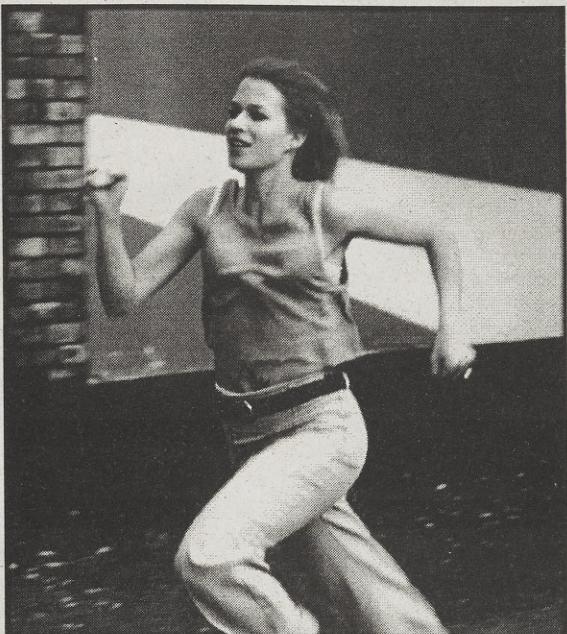
Desperately Seeking Money

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

RUN LOLA RUN. Starring Franka Potente, Moritz Bleibtreu. Written, directed by Tom Tykwer. (81 min.)

Concept films—movies built around a playful gimmick or idea—don't always work, especially when they're feature-length. After the novelty of the central idea wears off, there's usually little plot or character development left to sustain the audience's attention. Happily enough, **RUN LOLA RUN** provides not only a compelling concept but pulls it off with humor and panache.

Tom Tykwer's concept concerns the nature of cause and effect. How much of our daily lives is determined by the smallest, seemingly inconsequential actions? Unlike a destiny-laden morality tale—where no matter how



Lola (Franka Potente) must find \$190,000 in 20 minutes to save her boyfriend's life in Tom Tykwer's expertly filmed **RUN LOLA RUN**.

much you try to influence your life, you cannot escape the path that fate has chosen for you—

this film advances the completely opposite notion that no matter how many times you could live your life over again, it would never turn out the same.

In short, **RUN LOLA RUN** is three shorts in one. The story begins the same way each time, but ends completely differently.

Manni (Moritz) is a small-time drug runner working for a big-time gangster in Berlin. He goes on a standard job to drop off some dope and pick up the cash. The only foreseeable problem is that the boss has entrusted Manni to carry the money from the sale—100,000 German marks

(\$190,000)—back to him. If

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That Darn Gadget

by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

INSPECTOR GADGET. Starring Matthew Broderick, Rupert Everett, and Joely Fisher. Directed by David Kellogg. (85 min., rated PG)

Walt Disney Pictures seems to be rediscovering its past. Thirty years ago they produced truckloads of zany, G-rated live-action movies for the whole family. They've been at it again for the past couple of years, repackaging their old movies or other cartoons in new ways for today's youngsters. Over the past couple years, for instance, they've given us remakes of "That Darn Cat" (a 1965 Disney movie), "Mr. Magoo" (a 1964 cartoon series), "The Love Bug" (a 1969 Disney movie), "George of the Jungle" (a 1967 cartoon series), and "The Absent Minded Professor" (Disney's 1961 movie retitled "Flubber" in 1997).

In that context, it doesn't seem odd that a goofy cartoon series from the mid-80s would re-emerge today with Matthew Broderick in the lead role as Inspector Gadget. Because of today's advances in visual effects, of course, many of the crazy, built-in gadgets that the inspector displayed in his cartoon self can now be realized quite realistically. Indeed, the movie could be a showcase for

today's special effects companies.

In that respect, **INSPECTOR GADGET** succeeds. The effects are wild, unpredictable, and lifelike. Unfortunately for this movie, progress in story quality has lagged considerably behind the advances in visual effects. Park your brain at the door and don't ask too many questions. Luckily for Disney, this film's intended audience won't notice the difference.

INSPECTOR GADGET falls in that nowhere category of "family film." It's got plenty of physical comedy (some of it pretty ex-

treme) to make the kids laugh (or have nightmares if they're too young), and it tosses in enough pop-cultural and self-referential jokes and sight gags to please the more sophisticated parents.

Broderick plays John Brown, an inept but good-natured security guard at a research lab. After he narrowly—but unsuccessfully—foils an elaborate break-in of the facility by bad-guy Rupert Everett (who goes by

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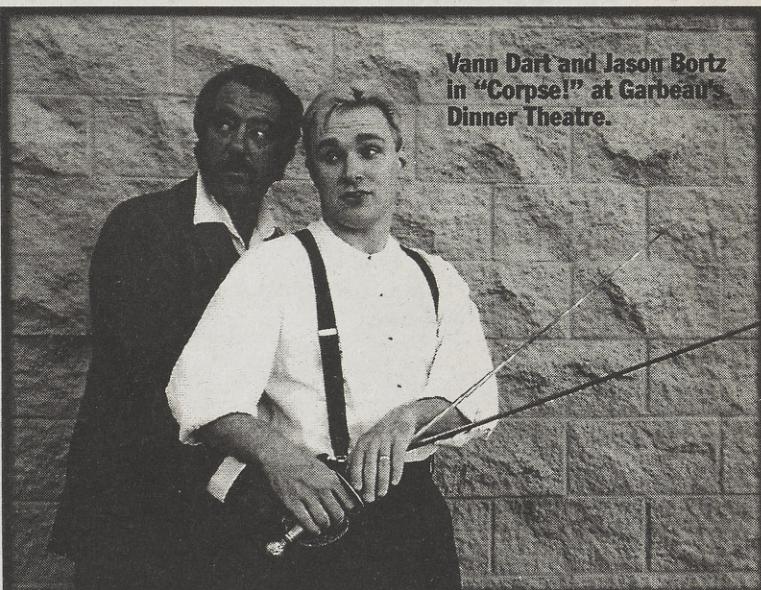
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Corpse! by Gerald Moon

Vann Dart and Jason Bortz in "Corpse!" at Garbeau's Dinner Theatre.



Gerald Moon's frighteningly funny "Corpse" plays thru August at Garbeau's. "Corpse" is set in London in 1936, and tells the story of twin brothers. The production is directed by Sharon Baker from the Sacramento Opera Community Theatre, with Vann Dart reprising his role as Major Powell, and Jason Bortz who plays the manipulative Evelyn. Info: 985-6361.

Sacramento Ballet Crockett Award

Dennis Mangers, Senior Vice President of the California Cable Television Association, was awarded the annual Crockett Award at the Sacramento Ballet's annual meeting on June 17. The Crockett Award, named after Barbara Crockett, Founding Director of the Sacramento Ballet, is presented annual by the Ballet to an individual who has made significant contributions to the Sacramento Ballet, including time, expertise, resources, etc. Mangers was very surprised when he was announced at the recipient, and was almost speechless for one of the few times in his life.

Mangers, a current Sacramento Ballet Board Member and former Board President, is a stalwart supporter of the arts and other community organizations in Sacramento. There's an old saying that goes: "If you want to get something done, ask the busiest person you know to do it." That applies to Dennis Mangers. In spite of an incredibly busy schedule, he always seems to find time to pull a rabbit out of his hat for his favorite causes. The Sacramento Ballet is proud to be one of them.

"My interest in ballet began when I started taking my daughter to dance classes at age 4. By age 17, she decided it wasn't her career, but I was hooked on the ballet. I couldn't dance, but as a trustee, I could at least raise money and support the dancers". And support he has, with generous contributions of his time,

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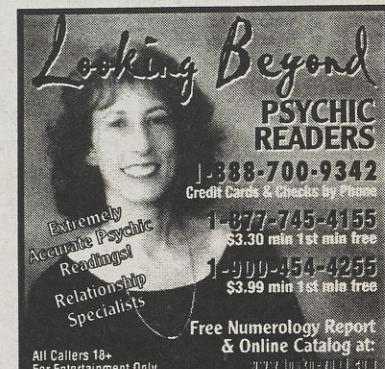
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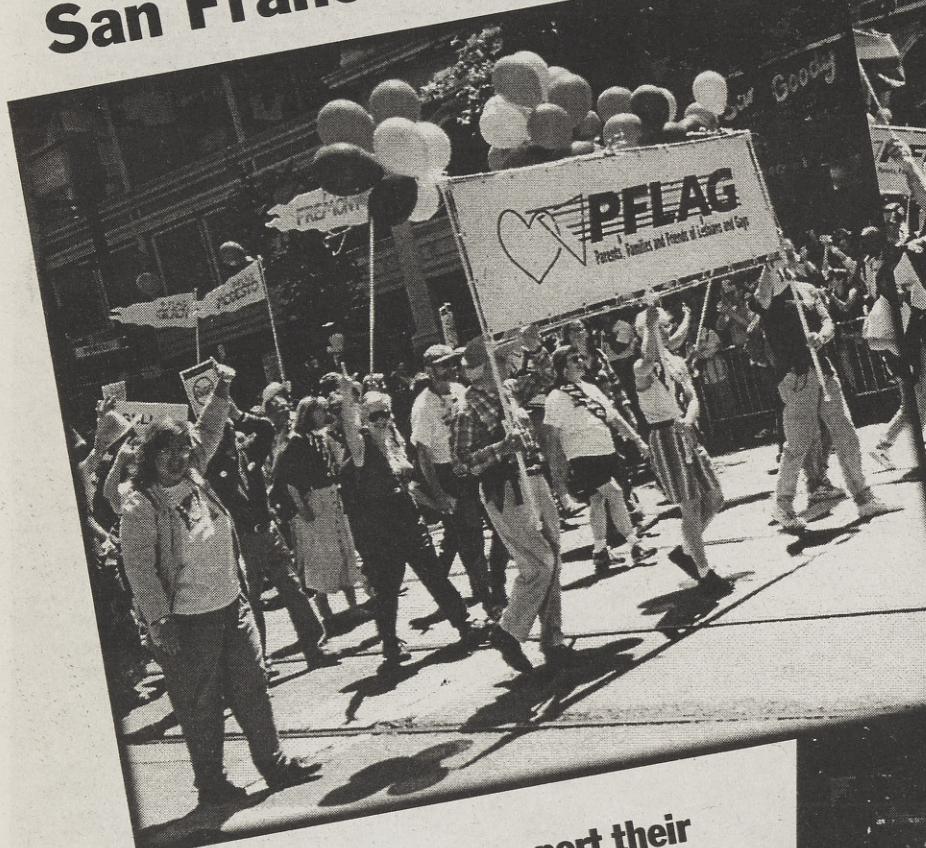
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Gay Ex-Officer Is Awarded \$380,000 in Harassment Suit

A former New York police officer, James M. Quinn, 38, who said he was subjected to nine years of harassment after his colleagues and supervisors learned that he was gay was awarded \$380,000 in damages by a Federal jury.

Experts on discrimination law said the verdict marked the first time in New York State and one of the few times elsewhere in the United States that a jury has held the government liable for a campaign of anti-gay harassment.

Advocates for gay men and lesbians said they believed the verdict would encourage other police officers, who rarely file such complaints because they fear reprisals, to come forward.

Love for Black GLBT Kids and Parents

The May 28 edition of the Washington Post featured an examination of the particular problems that Black parents can face in coming terms with the sexual orientation of their GLBT children. Staff writer Steven Gray quotes William Beale as saying: "Because of our culture, and the way we're grounded, some of us don't want to share our feelings with (nonblack) people. Just like there are children in the closet, there are black parents of an openly gay son, who died from AIDS-related causes in 1994. After his son's death, Beale sought out people to talk to, but his Baptist church was interceptive, as were members of his family. Gray writes that he then turned to Parents, Friends, and Families of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), but had difficulty in identifying with PFLAG's largely non-black membership. So Beale joined a group called For Those We Love (FTWL), "a part of PFLAG that is the first kind to target African Americans. It is modeled largely after a group that started five years ago in San Francisco by Asian Americans who thought their relatives would be more comfortable talking about homosexuality in a culturally specific group."

Thanks Washington Post, 1150 15th St, NW, Washington, DC 20071-0002 (www.washingtonpost.com).

13's An Unlucky Number for the Center for Reclaiming America

Florida's Time Warner Communications (TWC) accepted a buy from the Center for Reclaiming America, agreeing to air another in the series of "ex-gay" ads which were launched first in major-market newspapers last summer, and subsequently in the Washington DC area. The broadcasts were slated to coincide with the annual Gay Days at Disney World celebration in Orlando. But when the story broke in the Associate Press, Central Florida News 13 management stepped in, refusing to air the ads. Info: Central Florida News 13, 64 East Concord Street Orlando, FL 32801, fax: 407/513-1310, or Time Warner Communications, 2251 Lucien Way, Suite 320, Maitland, FL 32751 (brian.craven@twcable.com).

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The Chicago Tribune Raises the Bar on Lesbian Health Care Coverage.

Vincent J. Schodolski's May 30 piece entitled "Doctor Who Refuses to Treat Lesbian is Sued" follows the story of lesbian Michelle DuPont. "When she filled out the routine information form prior to the examination," Schodolski writes, "DuPont came upon the line marked: Spouse's name. She wrote Lisa Vaisand. After the examination, he would not treat DuPont, offering her the name of two physicians who might take her on. While there have been only a few studies done, the date available support the notion that many gays and lesbians avoid going to the doctors because they are reluctant to be honest about their sexuality." He cites as two examples, a 1995 Stabford University survey which showed that 84% of lesbians were reluctant to return to doctors for such reasons, and an Institute of Medicine report released earlier this year which "concluded lesbians were at greater risk of diseases such as cancer and heart disease because they avoid regular medical examinations". Schodolski says "problems also occur when people lie about their sexual orientation, or mislead doctors, because physicians can't properly treat patients unless they have accurate information. Even when a person feels comfortable being open with a doctor, they worry that information might be placed in their medical records that they would not want to see shared with others."

Thank The Chicago Tribune, 435 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-4003 (tribletter@aol.com).

Serving in Silence: the Arizona Republic Recounts Plans for a Veteran's Memorial

In an article entitled "Gay Veterans Plan Memorial" from the May 30 edition of the Arizona Republic tells of ongoing efforts being made by the Arizona Chapter of the Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Veterans of America (GLBVA) to donate a memorial to Arizona's National Memorial Cemetery. Reporter Pat Kossan said that this would be the first memorial donated to any

of the 115 National Memorial Cemeteries in the 39-state system by a GLB organization. The planned granite memorial would bear the inscription: "In Memorial of All Veterans Who Served with Courage and Pride, donated by the GLBVA." A recent SLDN study showed that there were military discharges last year (1,163) based upon sexual orientation. GLBVA said of the project: "It's for those who serve in silence," referencing the difficulty in which lesbian and gay members face in being forced to stay in the closet while in service, a policy maintained by the now-infamous "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue" policy passed by President Clinton. Little controversy seems to have ensued, by Kossan's account:

the manager of the cemetery, Arizona's state commander of the American Legion, and the statewide chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, each told her that they approved of the donation. Plans for the memorial are currently being reviewed by the National Cemetery Administration.

While Kossan's piece could easily have been a simple report on a local community project, she

managed to incorporate problems with the "Don'ts" policy, and identified many of the most common problems encountered by lesbian and gay servicemembers.

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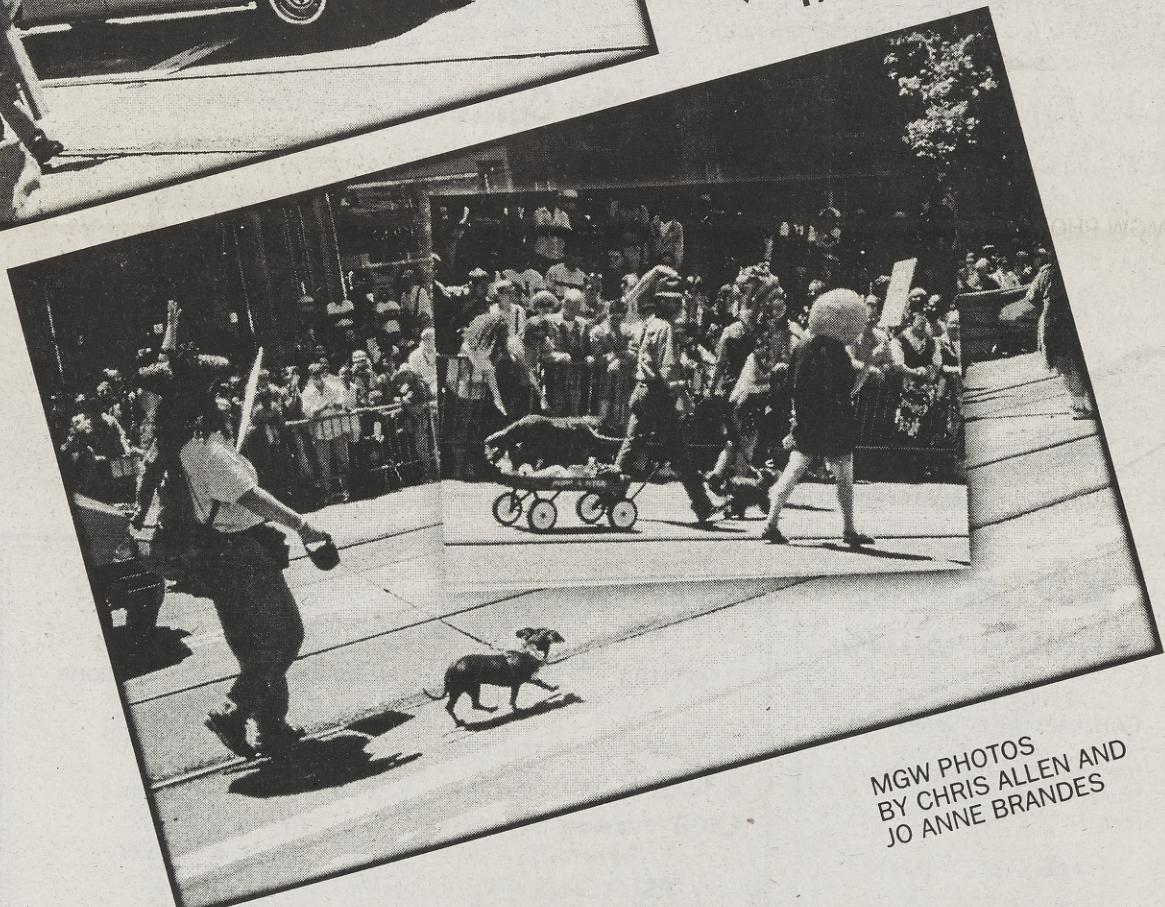
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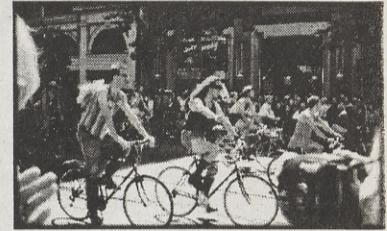
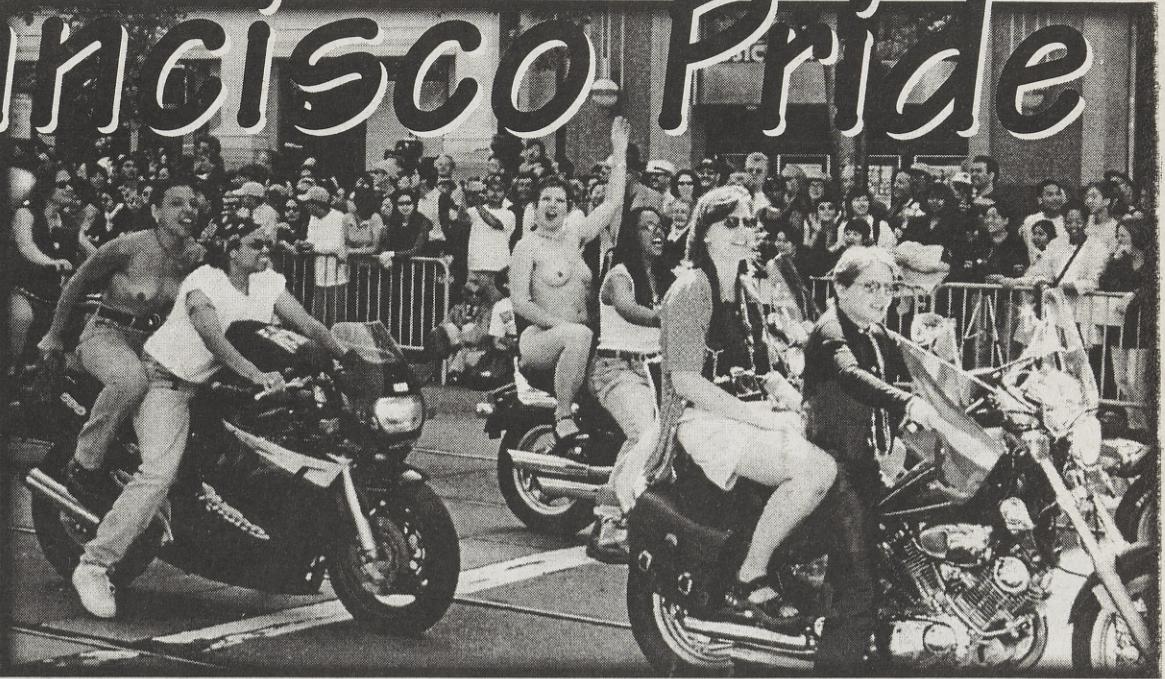
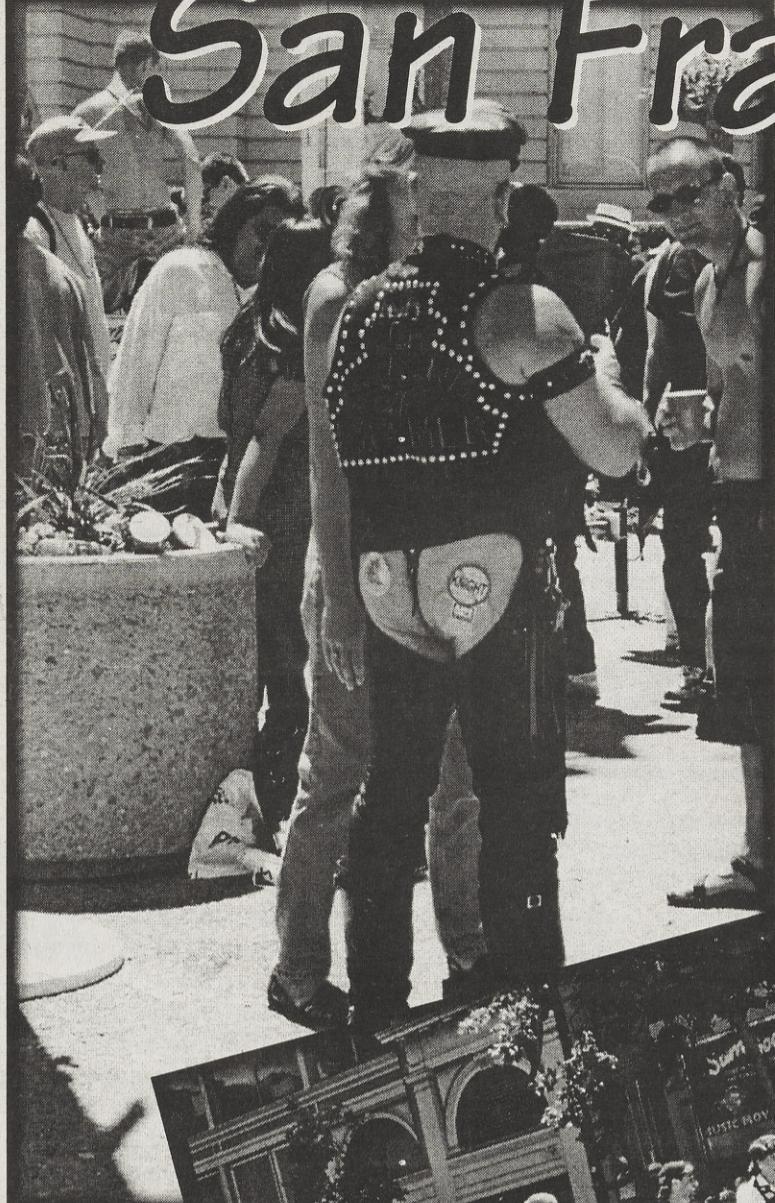
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In an effort to help people enjoy their summer picnics, the American Red Cross urges Americans to follow four simple guidelines for safer picnics.

1. Beware of insect stings

- Avoid wearing clothing with floral patterns that may attract insects.
- If you have known allergies to insect stings, be sure to carry your insect sting kit.
- If you are stung, use a credit card to sweep away the stinger.

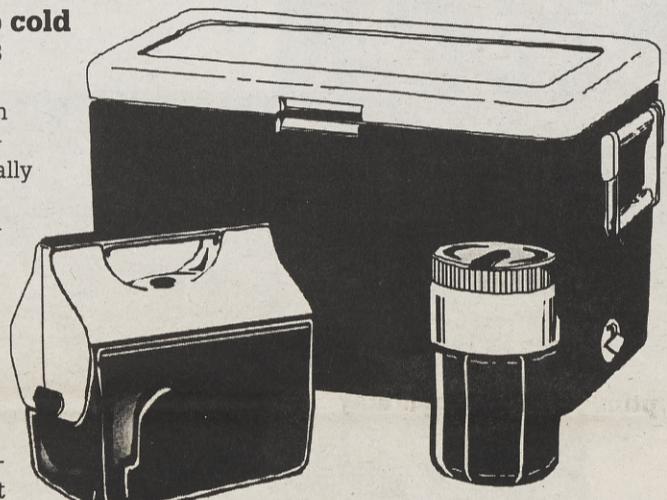


2. Ticks

- If you find a tick, remove it by pulling steadily and firmly.
- Grasp the tick with fine-tipped tweezers, as close to the skin as possible, and pull slowly.
- Wash the area and apply antiseptic or antibiotic ointment.
- Watch the area for infection.
- See a physician if you see signs of rash on that area.

3. Keep cold foods cold

- Certain foods - especially dairy foods - should be kept cool to avoid food poisoning, set bowls in a bowl of ice while serving.
- Also do not store perishable foods in the car where temperatures are usually hotter than outside the car.



4. Grills

- If someone is burned, follow these first-aid steps:
 - Stop the burning by putting out the flames or removing the victim from the source of the burn.
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If someone you are with begins to suffer from a heat-related illness, follow these steps for general care:

- Get the victim out of the heat.**
- Loosen tight clothing, and remove clothing that is soaked with perspiration.**
- Fan the victim.**
- Apply cool, wet cloths to the skin.**
- If the person is fully awake and alert, have the victim drink small amounts of cool water.**
- Call 911, or the local emergency number, if the person refuses water, vomits, or starts to lose consciousness.**

To learn more about identifying and caring for heat-related illnesses contact American Red Cross Sacramento Sierra Chapter at (916) 368-3130 for a Community First Aid and Safety, or First-Aid - Responding to Emergencies course.

New Program Launched For GLBT Aging And Seniors

The Policy Institute of the National Lesbian and Gay Task Force announced a new program - the Aging Initiative - aimed at the inclusion of aging GLBT people in all aspects of policy making and social life. The Policy Institute is a think-tank dedicated to research, policy analysis, strategy development and coalition building to advance the equality of GLBT people.

"The graying of the GLBT community presents new challenges to policy makers and to GLBT organizations," said Urvashi Vaid, director of the NGLTF Policy Institute. "Current estimates put this population at more than one million people and that number will explode when large numbers of out-of-the-closet baby boomers reach retirement. This initiative makes a long-term commitment to research, policy development and advocacy to ensure that the needs of old GLBT people are addressed in our communities and throughout society."

The NGLTF Aging Initiative's overall goal is to ensure that GLBT people are a visible and conscious part of public policy frameworks and service programs that serve the elderly. The initiative also will raise consciousness about all forms of ageism within the GLBT communities. The NGLTF Policy Institute will network with scholars and activists in the fields of gerontology and social services for the aging population to develop critical research on the realities facing GLBT people. Over the next several years, NGLTF will engage in vigorous advocacy and propose collaborations among nonprofit agencies that serve and represent this population to make sure GLBT people are included in their programs.

The Policy Institute has engaged the services of the Rev. Ken South, a minister in the United Church of Christ, to develop the Aging Initiative. Rev. South is a policy advocate with 27 years of experience in social service systems and organizing. He recently stepped down as Executive Director of the AIDS National Interfaith Network, which he ran for ten years.

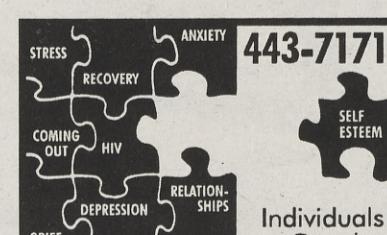
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Gill Foundation Reports \$1.4 Million For GLBT and HIV/AIDS Organizations

The Gill Foundation announced that it has provided more than \$1.4 million in grants to 93 GLBT and HIV/AIDS organizations and programs since mid-January. This latest series of grants underscores the foundation's commitment to supporting the development of a strong and sustainable GLBT movement infrastructure at the state and local level.

Nearly a third of all GLBT grants for the current period were awarded to organizations conducting or supporting state and local organizing. The largest of these grants was \$225,000 over the course of the next three years to the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network to support the expansion of its grassroots organizing project. In addition, \$25,000 was granted to the national field program of Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays to aid in its support and development of local chapters. Statewide organizations receiving grants were the Kentucky Fairness Alliance; Louisiana Electorate of Gays and Lesbians; and the Gay Lesbian Unity Education New Mexico for \$20,000, \$18,000 and \$15,000, respectively.

The Gill Foundation's support of GLBT organizations and projects comprises approximately 80 percent of the foundation's total giving and includes support of nationally based advocacy and education programs and advocacy, education, and social service programs that are Colorado-based or serve constituents outside major U.S. metropolitan areas (population under 1.5 million). Since January 16, the foundation has given more than 1.2 million dollars to GLBT programs and organizations. Info: 202/898-6340.

ON THE HIV FRONT...

New Infant HIV Prevention Therapy "Most Significant Breakthrough Since the Protease Drugs"

MGW Staff

A new low-cost, double-dose, infant HIV prevention drug is the most significant medical breakthrough in AIDS since the protease drugs. These new drugs will have a profound impact in the developing world where as many as 300,000 to 400,000 new HIV infections may be prevented in infants each year.

This medical victory demonstrates the need for a continued commitment to research with better emphasis on new prevention technologies. These drugs can help alleviate the global AIDS holocaust, which threatens to bring down entire nations. Deployment of these and new therapies must be part of a broad plan not only to protect infants but all people at risk for and living with HIV in the developing and developed world.

It is important to note that one of the most significant advantages of these drugs is their low-cost, since the pharmaceutical industry's overpricing of life-prolonging protease AIDS drugs, which makes them unavailable to the vast majority of the people throughout the world.

On the HIV front...

By Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

The squeaky wheel... In an effort to end noisy AIDS protests impacting his presidential campaign, Vice President Al Gore has announced that the Administration will seek to double U.S. funding to combat AIDS in Africa. This brings the total request to combat AIDS worldwide to \$225 million, with \$150 million of that amount now earmarked for Africa. The protesters assert that the Vice President has "sided" with wealthy U.S. pharmaceutical companies they perceive are not doing nearly enough to provide cheap AIDS drugs to the very poor in African countries. (Although Gore's move doesn't necessarily impact the stance of the drug manufacturers, nonetheless a 'you go, girl' goes to this handful of activists.)

Unlimited drug access seems cost-effective...

Unlimited access to highly active anti-retroviral therapy has the potential to result in such significant gains in productivity that it can balance out the increased healthcare spending, say Swiss researchers. Investigators conducted a cost-effectiveness analysis on the basis of projected survival, with data provided by participants in a recent study. The Swiss healthcare system currently provides unlimited access to therapy for all residents infected with HIV.

Concerns expressed over new trends...

The incidence of casual oral sex both in and out of some middle schools in the Washington, D.C., area is on the rise, with students seeing it as a safe alternative to intercourse and the risk of HIV, say school and health officials. Students must be warned, say officials, that the result over the next two or three years will be a resurgence of sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhea, chlamydia, and herpes.

Religions must take the lead...

The failure of religions to address sexual issues has allowed AIDS and other diseases to run rampant among minorities, said Surgeon General David Satcher, speaking at a conference organized by the Black Church Initiative. He noted that AIDS "has become increasingly

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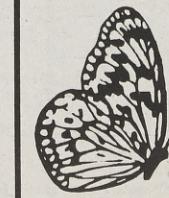
an epidemic of people of color, an epidemic of women and of the young," and warned that "if we don't talk about sex, sex can kill." He said that self-esteem, non-sexual friendships, and abstinence should be the first lines of defense against teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, and called on church leaders and educators to take responsibility for the sexual, eating, and exercise behaviors of their communities.

Glaxo wins approval for Ziagen...

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Increase in dementia seen...

Australian researchers report that highly active anti-retroviral therapy is less effective in preventing AIDS dementia complex than other AIDS-related conditions. Investigators followed people on this therapy from 1995 to 1997, and found that illnesses related to AIDS dementia complex rose from 4.4 percent to 6.5 percent. The researchers say this could be due to ineffective penetration of the central nervous system by anti-retroviral drugs, varying susceptibility of the virus to medications in various places in the body, or delayed effects of medications on AIDS dementia complex. (AZT is one of a very

few HIV meds with the ability to cross the blood-brain barrier, and is often kept in people's drug regimens for this reason.)

Optimism helps people stay healthy...

Hope and a positive outlook may actually slow down the development of AIDS symptoms in HIV-positive men, say researchers from UCLA. Investigators followed 72 asymptomatic HIV-infected men during the 3.5 year study. According to the researchers, more than 50 percent of those with pessimistic attitudes regarding their health developed symptoms of AIDS, compared to 42 percent of those with optimistic attitudes.

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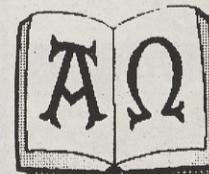
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energy, expertise, contacts, and the ability to take an issue, study it carefully, and condense it down to a short, understandable summary.

Mangers is an active patron of many local arts organizations, as well as a supporter of other community programs. In addition to his arts activities, other community affiliations include: President of the Board of Directors of CARES; member of the Board of Directors of The California Channel; Chair of the Statewide Advisory Council to the Center for California Studies; member of the California Citizens Commission on Higher Education; and many others.

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"Claw" because of his missing hand), Brown is in need of some serious surgical stitching up.

Lucky for him, the lab he was trying to save during the attack is run by Dr. Brenda Bradford (Joely Fisher), who repairs him—literally. Soon he's back on his feet again and getting used to his extended abilities. Unlike the powers of most super heroes, however, his are aided by cleverly constructed (and tucked-away) technology within himself and his coat. Even his talking car, the Gadgetmobile, has a few tricks under its trunk.

He's sort of like Batman, except more freaky—and totally out of control. Armed with all these gadgets, what else is there for him to do than fight crime throughout the bustling metropolis?

What else, indeed? Throw in a (British-accented) arch villain with stupid accomplices, a leading lady who finds herself in the bad guy's clutches, and you've got a formulaic plot where the good guy must save her. This shtick may charm kids, but it probably bores older teenagers and adults.

Meanwhile, the relationship-building scenes between Dr. Bradford and Brown definitely bore the kids, and Penny (Michelle Trachtenberg), Brown's niece, has a minor role despite her apparent tie-in with younger audiences.

Go figure. In the original cartoon series, Penny and her dog secretly did the real investigative work while her bionic uncle stumbled about on

his cases. In this film, her character is severely underdeveloped. She only gets to watch from the sidelines. Who at Disney thought that was an improvement?

INSPECTOR GADGET also makes the mistake of explaining in detail how Inspector Gadget came to be. In doing so, it strains adults' credibility (they don't believe it) and bores kids (they don't care or understand it).

Perhaps one interesting element in the mix is Claw's version of Inspector Gadget, called RoboGadget (an eerie-looking Broderick). Because he has no morals, he unleashes powers/gadgets similar to those of the hero, only more deadly.

To give Disney credit, the violence depicted (known popularly as "the film's action sequences") is not mean-spirited or even lethal. RoboGadget is clearly not a killing machine, though he could be. Indeed, the only death that does take place occurs rather subtly and is not shown (or even discussed by the characters) directly.

And no animals are even shown being hurt. If a dog or cat is in a dangerous situation, it's also shown being saved.

Even so, the action becomes a bit much, and soon overwhelms what little there is left of the story. One particular fight scene on a bridge between Gadget and RoboGadget lasts much too long to hold anyone's interest. Worse, the special effects start to look bad in some of these shots. (Can we say "rear-projection"?)

This is a shame, because given a cleverly crafted plot—and the promise of the original series—INSPECTOR GADGET could have been an interesting mix of fantasy and adventure. Instead, it's really not very special.

For info, <http://disney.go.com/disneypictures>.

Lola

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Manni loses the money, he'll be as good as dead.

As it turns out, his girlfriend, Lola (Potente), never shows up to give him a ride home (her moped was stolen), so he has to carry the cash in a sack himself. To make matters worse, he has a run-in with the cops on the subway and inadvertently leaves the bag on the train, which a

homeless man quickly discovers. With the train hopelessly beyond his reach, and with only twenty minutes to spare until his boss is expected to meet him, he must somehow come up with 100,000 marks.

He calls Lola, who tells

him not to worry; she'll find the money and his boss will never know the difference.

She dashes out of the apartment, ostensibly hoping to convince her father—an executive there—to part with that kind of money to bail out a man he's never met. Not surprisingly, she runs into some resistance from her father, but that doesn't stop her.

Meanwhile, Manni waits for her to arrive. If she doesn't come soon, he'll have to rob the nearby grocery store to recover his losses.

With these elements set in motion, the clock runs until the twenty minutes expire. Not unexpectedly, Manni and Lola

both encounter difficulties. Guns go off and the police show up. Someone gets shot.

Although the film appears to end here, it has actually only begun. What follows are repeat performances of Lola's twenty-minute run for the money. Each time, however, things happen slightly differently, and with drastically different outcomes. No matter how this time loop is "supposed" to occur, the lesson seems to be that things never turn out the same way twice.

On another level, Lola's determination to save her Manni—her love for him—conquers all. It's a familiar movie cliché, but with a spin all its own.

RUN LOLA RUN is an exciting ride from start to finish. Lola

runs quickly, and she runs well. With her flaming red hair and tight tank top, she's a sight to behold as she pounds the pavement. She narrowly misses pedestrians, bikes, and cars. In one curious moment, she runs through a group of nuns. Throughout, the camera glides smoothly around her.

To director Tykwer's credit, Lola isn't just a fleeting blur of eye candy. She's a strong-willed character who doesn't take no for an answer.

Lola's running scenes are deftly edited and set to a variety of striking pop music. Moreover, there are exuberant forays into the speculative realm: the future paths of various passers-by are shown in quick flash-forwards. This may seem like a gimmick, but it works. These imaginative displays also provide the film's funniest moments.

Thanks to the cinematographer, Frank Griebe, the entire film—not just the running scenes—is interesting to look at. Color schemes and film qualities change to suit the situation. The "central action" is on 35mm film, while other scenes are shot on video. Yet another scene is animated. It's an interesting mix, to be sure.

The small stuff isn't overlooked, either. As familiar locations flash by again, details that were barely noticed the first time round are faithfully repeated (to an extent). It's clear that much time was spent in the planning stages to do this film right.

RUN LOLA RUN is undoubtedly the summer's most original and thought-provoking action flick.

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Sincerely,
Linda

lake and pond and open & many swimming fans, efficient heating, beautiful rock work. 30-year roof, walk in closet, cedar lined. Jacuzzi bath, large, custom cabinets. Lodge type clubhouse, pool, boat marina, picnic areas. Nearby golf courses, tennis, fishing, and big name entertainment and lodging at Konocti Resort and Spas just 5 minutes away. 2 hours from SAC.

Clear Lake 707-279-9515, from 9am -7 pm.

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CALENDAR

AUGUST

1st Sunday

GREAT OPERA CHORUSES, Townsend Opera Players, "Little Opera Hall", 611 H Street, Modesto, 3pm, (209) 523-6426

LESBIAN VISIBILITY MONTH, City of West Hollywood, 323-848-6510

DYKE DRAMA FESTIVAL, Luna Sea, SF, 415-863-2989

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS, American River trail, bike ride, call Connie 972-9230

THE OPEN BOOK; MILLENNIAL READING GROUP, 910 21st Street, 5:30pm, 498-1004

WORLD BEER BASEBALL TOURNAMENT, Tri Visual Services, thru August 8, Cherry Island Soccer fields, Elverta, 448-1509

HISTORY LIVE AT SUTTERS FORT, thru September 6, 324-7405

UNPLUGGED, Duval Speck, Davis Food Co-op Patio, G St., Davis, 530-756-8260

BRUNCH WITH JOSE & CHARLES, GSAC, 927-1810

CATSNAMMER JAZZ BAND, Free Concerts in the Park, McKinley Park, Alhambra & F Streets

EDGE OF SEVENTEEN, The Crest, 1013 K Street, 44-CREST

1ST ANNUAL BACW GOLF TOURNAMENT, Bay Area Career Women, 11am, start check 10:30am, reservations due July 12, Harding Park Golf Course, SF, (415)750-0230

2nd, Monday

THE OPEN BOOK; SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB, 910 21st Street, 6pm, 498-1004

3rd, Tuesday

The Sacramento Ballet's Millennium Season...

THE OPEN BOOK;
OPEN BOOK;
ELECTRIC TRASH
BOOK CLUB, 910
21st Street, 7pm, 498-
1004

4th, Wednesday

THE OPEN BOOK; WEDNESDAY EVENING READING GROUP, 910 21st Street, 7pm, 498-1004

5th Thursday

TUESDAY NIGHT STARLIGHT MOVIES SEASON COUNT DOWN; MOVIE # 6 "MEN IN BLACK", Old Sacramento Management, California Fats, California Railroad Museum, Fat City and Tower Books, Old Sacramento, 558-3912

THE MARKET AT SUMMERFEST, K Street Mall, 5-9pm, 442-2500

6th, Friday

NEVADA COUNTY FAIR, thru Aug. 15, Grass Valley, 11228 McCourtney Rd (50 miles NE of Sac), www.nevadacountyfair.com, (530)273-6217

THE OPEN BOOK; AUTHOR APPEARANCE: JOANNE MARROW, "Changing Positions: Women Speak Out on Sex and Desire", 910 21st Street, 7pm, 498-1004



California State Fair

AUG. 20-SEPT. 6, 1999
BIG FUN!

CITY FOR SALE, real-life battle over "live/work lofts", San Francisco Mime Troupe, Northern California Center for the Arts, 314 West Main Street, Grass Valley, 8pm, call Russ Kneeland (530) 274-8384

WOMEN'S PEACE EVENT, The Grand, 1215 J Street, 6:30pm, 441-0764

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS, dining out in Davis, call Barbara (707) 449-9370

7th Saturday

SAN FRANCISCO INTERNATIONAL GIFT FAIR, till 11th Aug.

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NIHONMACHI STREET FAIR, taiko drummer, ect., Japantown and Japan Center, San Francisco, (415) 771-9861

POSSIBLY PANDORA,
Photo opportunity by
Alan Finneran, SOON 3,
Washington Square Park
in San Francisco.

Saturdays and Sundays, August 7-22,
1-4 pm, (415) 558-8575

57TH SEMIANNUAL GLASS, CHINA & POTTERY SHOW AND SALE, International Depression Glass Club (IDGC), Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 H Street, 456-2280, glbglass@earthlink.net

8th Sunday

GSAC BOARD MEETING, at Lisa & Missy's, gsac@couples-national.org, 689-1927

CITY FOR SALE, real-life battle over "live/work lofts", Benefit performance, San Francisco Mime Troupe, Sierra II Theatre, 2791 24th Street at 4th Avenue, reception 6-7pm, 442-1198 or (415) 285-1717 (San Francisco Mime Troupe)

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS, Sierra mountain biking, call Ray 421-6209

THE OPEN BOOK; POETRY 101, 910 21st Street, 4pm, 498-1004

THE SECRET GARDEN, Sacramento Light Opera Association, thru August 8, 557-1999

42ND STREET, Sacramento Light Opera Association, thru August 15, 557-1999

10th Tuesday

KEEPING OUR COOL: DISCUSSING AIDS WITH LOVED ONES, AIDS Interfaith Network, First United Methodist Church, 21st and J Street, 7pm, 481-5477

MICHIGAN WOMAN'S MUSIC FESTIVAL, weeklong event starts today, performances, workshops, film festival, crafts faire, campsites, WWTMC PO Box 22, Walhalla, MI 49458, www.michfest.com, (616)757-4766

STATE AND LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR AIDS SERVICES: A FAITH COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVE, AIDS International Network, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 N Street, 6pm potluck, 7pm program, call Bernie Goldberg 481-5487

THE OPEN BOOK; SACRAMENTO AREA BISEXUAL NETWORK, 910 21st Street, 7:30pm, 498-1004

11th Wednesday

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San Francisco International Gift Fair August 7-11.

12th Thursday

COOL CUT-UPS, making collages, bring magazines, Lioness Books, 7pm, 2224 J Street, 442-4657

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THE MARKET AT SUMMERFEST, K Street Mall, 442-2500

PUNCHLINE: BOBBY SLAYTON, 2100 Arden Way, 9pm, 925-8500

13th Friday

STEVE COHN QUARTET, featuring poet Joe Montoya, Sr., Poetry Shack, 922-8041

ACC CAFT FAIR, Largest juried craft fair on the West Coast, Fort Mason Center, (415) 896-5060

PUNCHLINE: BOBBY SLAYTON, 2100 Arden Way, 9pm and 11pm, 925-8500

DYKEDRAMA FESTIVAL, Luna Sea, 6:30pm, (415) 863-2989

14th Saturday

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, Miniature golf, 7pm, 334-9361

FUNKIN GROOVIN, Glenn Hall Park

10th ANNUAL "BUS TO HELL", The Mercantile Saloon, August 14, 6pm to Aug. 15, 6pm, 743-9544

PUNCHLINE: BOBBY SLAYTON, 2100 Arden Way, 9pm and 11pm, 925-8500

GAY AND LESBIAN SIERRANS, Emigrant Lake hike, call Barbara (707) 449-9370

DYKEDRAMA FESTIVAL, Luna Sea, 6:30pm, (415) 863-2989

YOUNG ART, OFF INTO THE LIGHT, Doiron Gallery, 564-4433

THE OPEN BOOK; SECOND SATURDAY ARTIST RECEPTION: STEPHANIE THOMAS, 910 21st Street, 6-9pm, 498-1004

ART WALK, Weave Works, 919 20th Street, 554-2412

GSAC GENERAL MEETING, GSAC, 698-1927

MINIATURE GOLF, Dykes Out Together, 334-9361

HEALTH AND BEAUTY WEEKEND, Ida, thru August 15, Smithville, Tennessee, (615)597-4409

15th Sunday

THE OPEN BOOK; EBONY ARCHIVES, 910 21st Street, 4pm, 498-1004

THE OPEN BOOK; MUSIC ON THE PATIO, PART II: CHARLES COOPER AND PRENTIS MINNER, 910 21st Street, 5:30pm, 498-1004

PLANET TREK, Discovery Museum's Summer Class, 485-8836

19th Thursday

MARKET AT SUMMERFEST, 5-9pm

20th Friday

RAINBOW CAMPERS, Wright's Beach, On the coast, till 22nd August, call Carolyn & Nancy 961-4722

21st Saturday

RINGLING BROS. & BARNUM & BAILEY
At Arco September 9-12!

"THE GRAND GATSBY", Sac. AIDS Foundation, Sacramento Grand Ballroom, call Georgia Mering, 448-2437 ext. 228

"THE EPHemerons", American Victorian Museum, (530)265-5804

19th ANNUAL QUILT SHOW, Folsom Historical Society, thru Labor Day weekend, 985-2707

SAC GAY RODEO, Names Project, thru Aug. 22nd, Rio Linda or Heritage Hotel, ozmar@aol.com, 484-5646

BLISTERS FOR SISTERS, 5km run, Old Sacramento, 8am, 447-2786

24th Tuesday

THE FUTURE OF POOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN AFTER "WELFARE REFORM", Lioness Books, 2224 J Street, 442-4657

27th Friday



Fecundity, Garden Fresco, 1999 – Joann Moment. Sept 25th at the Himovitz Gallery.

SEPTEMBER

5th Sunday

LABOR DAY-ROCK&ROLL, Uncle Leo Band, Edgewater Resort, 6420 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville, 800-396-6224

LET YOUR FINGERS DO THE TALKING, finger painting, Lioness Books, 7pm, 2224 J Street, 442-4657

10th Friday

WESTERN BUS NUTS RALLY, Edgewater Resort, 6420 Soda Bay Road, Kelseyville, till 11th Sept., 800-396-6224

Elmo and Gang will appear at the Sacramento Community Center Theatre September 23-26 for eight performances! Info 264-5181.



EVENTS MASTER CALENDAR

Reno Pride Celebration	August 21
SAC LG Boat Parade	August 20
Sierra Stampede, 451-9439	August 22
SAF The Grand Gatsby, 448-2437x228	August 21
Chico Freedom Festival, 893-3336	August 29
Sac Rainbow Festival	September 5
S.F. Folsom Street Fair, 415-861-3247	September
SAF AIDS Walk, 448-2437 Ext 228	September
Honoring Our Heroes, www.ipac.org	September 27
S.F. Castro Street Fair, 415-467-3354	October
S.F. LGBT Pride Celebration, 415-467-3354	October
Coming Out Day	October
Sacramento Int'l. Film Festival, 558-6598	October
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	November
MGW Newspaper 21st Anniversary Celebration: Harvey Milk & George Moscone's Lives	November 27
SAC Domestic Partners Law Anniversary 1992	December 16
World AIDS Day	December 1
SAF The Winter Concert	December 5
SAF Let The Miracles Begin	December 6
CAP/PAC Annual Dinner, 736-2722	June, 2000
Capital City AIDS Dance-O-Rama, 448-AIDS	March 7, 2000

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